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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN BILATERALS ON ME/AFRICA

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1. TURNOVER IN TOP OFFICERS OF FONOFF ME/AFRICA BUREAU
HAS DELAYED REPLY TO REFTEL. JAPANESE WISH TO SCHEDULE
CONSULTATIONS IN LATTER HALF OF JULY AND EXPECT TO
PROPOSE FIRM DATES NLT NEXT WEEK.

2. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN INTERESTS OF JAPANESE
SIDE IN CONSULTATIONS:

MIDDLE EAST

A. PROSPECTS OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, INTER ALIA,
PALESTINE ISSUE AND GREAT POWER RIVALRY IN REGION;

B. INTER-ARAB POLITICS;

C. STABILITY OF PRESENT ME REGIMES;

D. OIL PROBLEM (LIKELIHOOD OF ANOTHER EMBERGO, OIL
PRICES, ETC);

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E. ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

AFRICA

A. BASIC DIRECTION OF POLICIES TOWARD AFRICA,
INTER ALIA, SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AFRICA AND POSSIBILITIES
FOR US-JAPAN COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC AID PROBLEMS;

B. RE-EVALUATION OF SOVIET AND OTHER BLOC
COUNTRIES' INFLUENCE IN AFRICA;

C. ANALYSIS OF PROBLEMS AND THE FUTURE OF SOUTH
AFRICA;

D. RE-EVALUATION OF THE OAU.

3. JAPANESE ANTICIPATE TWO DAYS OF TALKS, ONE DAY ON
AFRICA AND ONE DAY ON MIDDLE EAST. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT
WILL PERMIT NEW ME/AFRICA BUREAU DIRGEN KAGAMI AND NEW
DEPDIRGEN OKAZAKI TO PARTICIPATE THROUGHOUT. JAPANESE,
PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY PROMPTING, ARE INTENT ON
FIELDING BEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR CONSULTATIONS.
REPRESENTATIVES OF ECONOMIC BUREAU AND UN BUREAU WILL SIT IN.

4. FYI, FONOFF'S SOPHISTICATION ABOUT ME PROBLEMS
HAS GROWN GREATLY SINCE THE OCTOBER WAR AND EMBARGO.
EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT INFORMED AND DETAILED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
LIKELY IN THIS YEAR'S CONSULTATIONS. CONVERSELY, MOFA REMAINS
QUITE THIN ON AFRICA. WE PROPOSE, THEREFORE, THAT US SIDE
SUGGEST THAT ME PROBLEMS BE ADDRESSED ON FIRST DAY, THUS ALLOWING
OPPORTUNITY FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS ON ME SECOND DAY WITH
ME DIVISION DIRECTORS, OTHER KEY FONOFF OFFICIALS (E.G. ANALYSIS
DIVDIR HANABUSA AND TREATIES BUREAU COUNCILLOR MURATA) AND
POSSIBLY MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY,
ETC, OFFICIALS).

5. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER EARLY ON SECOND DAY
ONE SESSION FOCUSING ON BOTH REGIONS. IN VIEW CURRENT ATTENTION
WE GIVING MULTILATERAL ISSUES, OUR SIDE COULD, FOR EXAMPLE,
HIGHLIGHT US TACTICS WITH REGARD TO NON ALIGNED BLOC IN CONTEXT
OF DISCUSSION OF AFRO-ARAB DIPLOMATIC ENTENTE.
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